

VILLAGE OF BUTLER NEWLETTER

THE CABOOSE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE INFORMATION

Emergency.....	911
Village Hall	(262) 783-2525
Assessor	(262) 783-2525
Building Inspection	(262) 544-8280
Code Enforcement.....	(262) 783-2525
Village Clerk	(262) 783-2525
Economic Development	(262) 783-2525
Court	(262) 781-9790
Engineer Tim Barbeau.....	(262) 786-1777
Finance/Treasurer	(262) 783-2525
Fire Non-Emergency	(262) 783-2537
Library.....	(262) 783-2535
(Trash Contractor) Waste Management....	(414) 761-2100
Police Non-Emergency	(262) 446-5070
Police Administration	(262) 781-2431
Business Fax	(262) 783-2522
Public Works Inspection	(262) 783-2525
Water Utility	(262) 783-2525

Your Village Board has started the annual budget process. The process begins with budget proposals from the Village staff and department heads and ends in December when the Board adopts the final budget. Between these two events are several budget meetings and a lot of hard work. The result determines what the Village tax rate is for 2009 and what the Village portion of your tax bill will be.

Last year our tax rate increased 1.9%, almost 50% less than what was allowed by the State. Our challenge this year will be to deal with the rising cost of providing the same level of services. Just like you, the Village has seen significant increases; the cost of fuel, insurance and materials. The staff and department heads take this process very seriously and I am sure that they will present requests which will provide a reasonable balance between cost and services. Nonetheless, the Board will scrutinize every request.

As always, we welcome your input. If you have any questions or comments regarding the budget, please contact me or any other Board member.

Richard A. Ensslin

Village President

BRUSH PICK-UP The regular Brush Service will be ending on **October 20, 2008**. Please **DO NOT PUT OTHER YARD WASTE** in with the **BRUSH! DO NOT put branches in plastic bags or bio-degradable bags.** The Brush Service provided by the Public Works Department was designed for branches **ONLY, no full trees. DO NOT PUT BRANCHES IN GARBAGE CANS, THE BRANCHES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.** If the Public Works Department deems the pile is too large, they will bypass the area this year. Thank you for your cooperation.

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VILLAGE OF BUTLER ELECTED OFFICIALS**Village President**

Richard Ensslin

Village Board of Trustees

Village Trustee William Benjamin Village Trustee Carol Zuba

Village Trustee Tim Nelson Village Trustee Michael Thew, Sr.

Village Trustee Walter Woloszyk Village Trustee Teri Stegemeyer

Daylight

Saving Time Ends



November 2, 2008 at 2 a.m. Be sure to push your clocks back one hour.

**NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION—11/04/08***A Message from Your Chief Inspector*

We encourage all of our residents to vote in the upcoming **Presidential Election** on **November 4th** and want to make your voting experience as easy as possible. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE PRIOR TO THAT DATE!**

During previous Presidential Elections, we averaged 225 new voter registrations on election day.

This year, we anticipate we could have many more due to the Help American Vote Act of 2002. Under this law, hundreds of the smallest Wisconsin communities were required to RE-REGISTER ALL OF THEIR RESIDENTS - Butler was one of those communities. Even if you are a long-time resident and have voted in the past, if you have not already re-registered, you will be required to do so before you can vote on **November 4th**.

If you are a new resident or a resident who has not yet re-registered, please take the time to visit the Village Hall prior to November 4th to avoid standing in a very long line on Election Day. Bring your photo ID and proof of residence. If you are not sure if you are on our current poll list, please call Carolyn at Village Hall (262-783-2525) on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. If you wish to vote by Absentee Ballot and are not already on our list, Carolyn can supply you with the necessary forms.

We want to insure that every eligible resident is able to vote in all of our Elections and are asking for your assistance in making this happen. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our poll workers for their time and dedication in making our Election Days run smoothly.

Marilyn Schultz
Chief Inspector

POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Night Out, held in August was a huge success. Well over 500 residents and guests spent the evening interacting with members of the Butler Police Department and Butler Fire Department, as well as getting to know their neighbors better. We have already begun plans for next year. Special thanks go out to Lieutenant Wentlandt, who coordinated the event, the Butler Village Board, who wholeheartedly supported the event, and to the countless volunteers who gave freely of their time. Thanks must also go out to the business community that gave so much to help make this happen. WE are looking forward to August of 2009 for another successful National Night Out. Until then, enjoy fall and winter in Wisconsin, and let's hope for a little less snow...

Chief Michael

PARK & RECREATION



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday,
October 26, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the Village of
Butler.

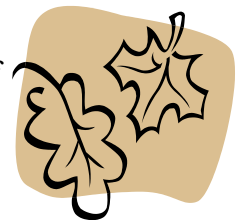
**Reminder: If you want to participate in Treat or Treat,
please put your porch light on.**

REMINDER:

Purchase your Parking Permits for the
next quarter - \$22.50 for
Street Overnight Parking &
\$30.00 for Municipal "South"
Lot.

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

As the leaves begin to fall this autumn, many people are faced with the decision of how to handle the leaves on their property. Yard trimmings are banned from Wisconsin's landfills, and while some municipalities offer a leaf pick-up, many do not. Thus, disposing of the leaves becomes the homeowner's responsibility. Even if your municipality does offer leaf collection, it is a costly disposal option for your municipality.



So what is a resident to do? There are several easy options that allow residents to take care of year trimmings and leaves on their own property.

Mulching leaves in place. This option is faster than raking and allows the nutrients in the leaves to return to your soil. Get your lawn ready for winter by allowing leaves to decompose on your lawn. Several passes over your leaves with a lawnmower (a regular blade or mulching blade) will chip the leaves into small pieces to feed your lawn.

Composting. Composting is another way to use leaves as a valuable resource. If you start composting this fall, you can have usable compost for your yard by spring.

Organic Mulch. Spread leaves and shredded brush around plants and trees to help keep a moderate temperature and retain moisture. Compost and mulch also helps control soil erosion.

What not to do. Do not burn leaves. This is a health hazard for people with allergies and asthma, a fire hazard, and creates air pollution. It is also a waste of resources.

LIBRARY NEWS

OUR NEW BUTLER LIBRARY WILL OPEN IN DECEMBER, 2008

The new shelving is chosen, the new furniture is ordered, the building is almost complete, the circulation desk is being made for us, the paint is on the walls and the furnace and air conditioner are installed. We are excited to present to the community of Butler: **OUR NEW LIBRARY!!**

Moving time is just around the corner. The library will be closed for the month of November. We have to shut down the computer and telephone lines at our Village Hall location. The lines will then be installed at our new location at 12808 W. Hampton Ave. Our tentative moving date is Saturday, November 15, 2008.

We plan on moving the books by using shelf carts. This way we can slide a shelf of books right onto the cart. This will keep the books in order! At the present time, we have six carts. We need many more! If anyone has carts with two shelves on them that the library could borrow, it would be appreciated. Please contact the Director, Gail, at Butler Library 262-783-2535 if you have book carts available for us.

In other news, carpet squares will be installed in mid October. The day the carpet squares are put in, you will be invited to be present to hand your square to the installer! The Friends of the Library can still use some help with this project. You may still purchase a carpet square at the library for \$15.00.

Other items that are on our wish list include: a mailbox, garbage cans with wheels, blinds for the windows in the reading area, a vacuum cleaner, a new computer table, chairs for conference room, chair caddy and four new chairs for the children's area. Also, we still need more computers! Contact Gail.

The library staff and I are looking forward to making the new Butler Library your community gathering place to catch up on the news, read magazines or books, borrow a movie, pick up some CD's, do some research, surf the internet and meet friends.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!

Gail Duernberger, Director 262-781-2535

Snow and Ice Removal

Snow and Ice must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall of sleet or snow. The owner or occupant of said premises must keep the full width of sidewalk free and clear of snow and ice. Failure to remove the ice or snow after 24 hours, the Public Works Superintendent shall remove or cause the snow or sleet (ice) to be removed from any and all sidewalks and cross-sidewalks neglected by the owner or occupant and a fee established by the Village Board shall be assessed against the owner or occupant for the cost and expense of moving such snow or sleet (ice). In the event a property owner has not paid all bills relating to ice or snow removal by the time that real estate taxes and other special charges are levied, the Village Administrator shall enter in the tax roll as a special tax against the real estate involved the total unpaid charges for ice and snow removal for the previous year. The ice and snow removal charges shall be collected in all respects like other taxes upon real estate and interest shall accrue in like manner.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As fall comes upon us, so does fire prevention week in October. During this time of the year we are busy with our fire prevention program, trying to reach out to the kids and the families in the community. This year along with our annual fire prevention talks at St Agnes, we will be handing out books about fire and burn safety for the kids to go over in their class rooms. The kids will also be able to take these books home to read with their parents and go over their egress routes and where some of the dangers are throughout their home.

Hilary Bilbrey, a Stevens Point resident and children's author, has collaborated with the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety (WAFS) to bring the true story of her son Breck's burn injury to a young audience and their readers. "Breckers Bunny Learns to be Careful...A Lesson in Fire and Burn Safety." The story comes to life through the life of a bunny family and their adventurous little son, Brecker, as he makes his way through life's safety hazards. The Brecker Bunny Book is a useful tool helping children make the right choices regarding safety. The goal of the book is to help prevent fires and burns before they happen. Included at the end of the book is a lesson plan for parents and teachers to help reinforce the everyday safety messages throughout the book. A home checklist for fire safety is also included as is some timely tips to keep the home a safe place to live.

Butler Volunteer Fire Dept. would like to recognize the following companies for making this book possible to be provided to our youth in the community: Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety, Columbia St. Mary's Hospital, WE Energies and the author Hilary Bilbrey. Without these key organizations to partner up with, we would not be able to provide these resource materials that make our fire prevention that much stronger.

As a side note, we would also like to remind the community that it is that time of year to check the batteries and clean your smoke detectors. If you intend on using fire pits this year, please remember that aboveground fire pits are the only style allowed in the Village. On behalf of the Fire Dept., we hope that everyone has a happy and safe fall.

Lt. Scott Schlenner
Butler Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc.

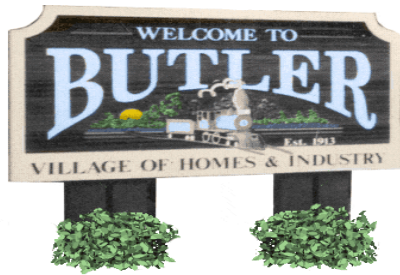
PILING SNOW IN THE STREETS

It is Prohibited by Village Ordinance for anyone to plow or shovel snow onto or across a public right-of-way. Furthermore, do not pile snow on corners or intersections that interfere with the line of vision necessary for traffic safety.

In addition, no business or homeowner should pile snow from their property into snow piles created by the Village. If it is discovered that the Village has hauled snow from a private property, that owner will be charged for the service as well as be subject to citations.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Beginning October 1st, or as conditions warrant, residents may rake their leaves into the street at the curb where the leaves will periodically be vacuumed up by the Department of Public Works. **DO NOT BAG THE LEAVES!** If the leaves are bagged, they will not be vacuumed up.



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RECYCLING UPDATE

DNR Recycling Web Site Enhanced

Looking for information on Wisconsin's recycling program? Trying to find a market for your recyclables?

Need some education resources or technical assistance? It's all on the Web, on DNR's recycling web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/>

Just about everything you need to know about recycling in Wisconsin can be found under some of the following headings:

- Recycling Quick Reference
- Recycling Law
- Recycling Contacts
- Local County Contacts
- Annual Recycling and Landfill Reports Recycling Studies
- Material Banned from Disposal in Wisconsin
- Facts & Figures
- Who can tell me how and what to recycle?

The "Recycling Quick Reference" is the newest addition to our site. In talking with people throughout the state, we learned that people are interested in having easy access to recycling basics. This site offers answers to the "what", "when" and "how" questions, such as:

Waukesha County Senior Services

Please contact Waukesha County Department of Senior Services at (262) 548-7828 for information on the services provided in Waukesha County. Also, the Village Hall has the following brochures and literature (as well as other materials) available in the office:

Senior Connection
Share Program
Volunteer Services
Senior Dining
Caring for the Caregiver
A Good Day Begins
A Directory of Useful Information
Developing your Caregiving Team

Please feel free to stop in anytime and help yourself to any of the free publications, brochures, literature, etc. that we have in the office.

